



## **Indiana Professional Standards Board**

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### **Welcome New Staff Members**

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Catherine Stower as Director of Assessment. She may be contacted at [cstower@psb.in.gov](mailto:cstower@psb.in.gov) Cathy comes from a high school counseling position in Prince William County, Virginia and also has experience in higher education. She has a doctorate in counselor education from Virginia Tech.

Robin Meyer, a former Teacher in Residence, returns as a consultant in the Division of Licensing. Robin may be contacted at [rmeyer@psb.in.gov](mailto:rmeyer@psb.in.gov) Her duties include evaluation of out of state applications, performance based accreditation updates, and liaison with Troops to Teachers.

### **Application Forms**

For those who send in license applications, please check your files to be sure you are copying and using the 2001 version of State Form 9331. The form is available on the Web at <http://www.in.gov/psb/licensing/forms/SF09331.pdf>

### **Emergency Permits**

Beginning July 1, the emergency permit has replaced the limited license. The form to request an emergency permit was mailed to accredited schools and is not available on the Web. Further information may be found at <http://www.in.gov/psb/licensing/limited/>

### **IMAP Information Meeting August 9**

An information session on the Indiana Mentoring and Assessment Program (IMAP) will be held on Monday, August 9 in the auditorium at the Indiana Government Center-South. The session will begin at 9:00 am. School corporations are encouraged to send staff with responsibilities in the mentoring of beginning teachers and administrators. The session will include enrollment of beginning teachers and administrators and requirements for those with Rules 46 & 47 and Rules 2002 licenses. Please contact Missy Nunnery at [munnery@psb.in.gov](mailto:munnery@psb.in.gov) to register for this information meeting.

### **Professional Growth Plan (PGP) for License Renewal**

The Professional Growth Plan (PGP) is now an option for license renewal for Bulletin 400 and Rules 46 & 47 licenses that expire after July 1, 2004. Further information is available at <http://www.in.gov/psb/renewal/growth/index.html>

### **Rules 2002 Kindergarten License**

The elementary primary license includes kindergarten. Teacher preparation programs are reminded that they must include kindergarten course work and field experiences in their elementary primary programs.

### **PRAXIS Registration Bulletin Error**

In the 2004-05 PRAXIS Registration Bulletin from Educational Testing Service, the Kindergarten-Primary K-3 test number should be 10020. The 20300 in the registration bulletin is the reading specialist test.

### **Testing for Licensing**

At the June 16 meeting, the IPSB amended the testing rule 515 IAC 1-4-2 minimum acceptable scores with the addition of cut off scores for the following tests:

Exceptional Needs: Mild Intervention (0542)  
German: Content Knowledge (0181)  
Middle School English Language Arts (0049)  
Middle School Mathematics (0069)  
Middle School Science (0439)  
Middle School Social Studies (0089)

The Board also removed the following tests as requirements for licensing:

French: Productive Language Skills (0171)  
Spanish: Productive Language Skills (0192)

### **Board Officers for 2004-05**

At the June 16 meeting, the following officers were elected:

Chair: John Marsteller  
Vice Chair: Dave Kinman  
Secretary: Nancy Kuyoth  
Executive Committee: Russ Hodgkin, Mike Horvath, Roy Weaver, and Joyce Wehneman

### **Improving Teacher Quality Partnerships Request for Proposals**

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is pleased to announce the release of the FY2004 Request for Proposals under the Improving Teacher Quality Partnership program. This FY2004 grant competition will bring Indiana's colleges and universities together with high-need school districts to support the professional development needs of teachers, paraprofessionals and principals in core academic subjects.

Through this program, the Commission will provide grants that support teacher quality as a major factor in improving student achievement. Eligible applicants for grants must include partnerships consisting, at a minimum, of:

1. A department or school within an Indiana college or university responsible for teacher preparation;
2. A department or school within an Indiana college or university specific to the subject matter being addressed; and
3. A "high-need" local educational agency (LEA).

The Indiana college or university partner must be the fiscal agent and official applicant for the grant. Eligible applicants may apply for an award for up to two years.

There is approximately \$800,000 available for new awards under the FY2004 program. The deadline for submitting an application is October 8, 2004. A copy of the application packet and instructions for the FY2004 competition can be downloaded from the Commission website at <http://www.che.state.in.us/Grants/ITQP.htm>.

**Did You Know?** The IPSB is piloting a system for on-line license applications with Ball State University.

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